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# FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin , sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### INMATE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF WEAPON

DeAndre Mitchell, DOB 1/26/1971, was charged with possessing a prohibited object while an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford, Wisconsin. The indictment alleges that on or about November 18, 2005, Mitchell possessed a ten-inch sharpened blade with a tape handle, an object designed and intended to be used as a weapon. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Prisons. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

#### SIREN MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD

Anthony H. Andrews, DOB 5/15/1953, of 6866 Old County Road A, Webster, Wisconsin, was charged today with 13 counts of mail fraud. The indictment alleges that Andrews, who owned and operated a used car business known as Siren Auto Sales at 24720 Highway 35/70 in Siren, Wisconsin, from approximately January 2000 to January 2006, engaged in a scheme to defraud individuals and financial institutions with whom he did business through Siren Auto Sales. The indictment alleges that Andrews would receive funds from customers to pay off outstanding loans on vehicles and fail to pay off the loan as promised to the customer, and that Andrews would then falsely certify to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on applications for new titles that an old loan appearing on the title had been paid off. As a result of the scheme, Andrews is charged with fraudulently obtaining the use of approximately \$1.2 million in funds he

received from customers to pay off vehicle loans.

If convicted, Andrews faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison on each mail fraud count. The charges against Andrews are the result of an investigation conducted by the Eau Claire Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and investigators from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

#### RICE LAKE MAN INDICTED ON GUN CHARGE

Robert M. Slater, DOB 4/6/1973, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, was charged with possession of a firearm after previously being convicted of a felony. The indictment alleges that Slater possessed a .22 caliber Ruger pistol on or about November 2, 2005.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The investigation of this matter was conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

#### MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN AND DRUG CRIMES

Quinton J. Lomack, DOB 12/24/1981, of Madison, Wisconsin, was charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition after previously being convicted of a felony, and possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that on or about November 14, 2005, Lomack possessed five grams or more of a substance containing crack cocaine, a .40 caliber Beretta semiautomatic pistol, and Winchester .40 caliber ammunition.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison on the gun charge, and a minimum of five years and a maximum of 40 years in prison on the drug charge. This matter was investigated by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

#### WESTBY MEN CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

Donald S. Landis, DOB 11/18/1981, of Westby, Wisconsin, and Jared G. Molner, also of Westby, were charged with the October 5, 2005 robbery of the River Bank, in DeSoto, Wisconsin. If convicted, they each face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case will be handled by

## MAN INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGE

Michael J. Molitor, DOB 1/24/1962, of Lodi, Wisconsin, was charged with manufacturing 100 or more marijuana plants. If convicted, Molitor faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison. The investigation of this matter was handled by the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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